

## Virginia's Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Poultry Federation offer a poultry litter transport incentive program to facilitate the efficient use of poultry litter as a crop nutrient source in areas that can most benefit from those nutrients and that are outside of the main poultry-producing counties. The goal of this program is to encourage development of self-sustaining poultry litter markets outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and in certain specified areas within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Through the program, \$7.50, \$15, or \$20 is provided per ton of litter moved to help cover the additional costs associated with increased transport distances.

### A. Who is eligible?

1. Poultry litter end-users

### B. Program requirements:

1. Poultry litter must originate on farms in Accomack, Page, or Rockingham counties.
2. To receive an incentive payment through this program, litter must be transported to a final destination either outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed or to certain specified areas within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
3. Up to 400 tons of litter may be eligible per applicant per incentive request. Subsequent requests may be submitted after a request for payment, with all forms completed, has been received on the previous request.
4. Completed Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Forms are valid for 12 months from the date of approval of the current request. If litter applications are not made within 12 months, a new form will have to be submitted for consideration. Supporting documents must be submitted within 30 days of litter application or May 31, whichever is sooner.
5. Certified scale weight tickets for **all** tonnage moved are **required** to receive payment.
6. A Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) must be prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for all fields scheduled to receive poultry litter.
7. The end-user agrees to fully implement their NMP and to participate in NMP verification.

8. Fields eligible for payment must have a Virginia Tech soil test phosphorus reading (i.e. Virginia Tech soil test reading P lbs/acre, Mehlich I) no greater than the following:

Region	Soil Test Reading
Eastern Shore and Lower Coastal Plain	270
Middle and Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont	272
Ridge and Valley	324

NOTES: To determine the region the field is in; refer to the list of eligible counties by region. Please refer to the table showing the correlation of other soil testing laboratories if necessary.

9. Fields eligible for payment must have maximum phosphorus application rates determined using the Soil Test Method or the Environmental Threshold Method (as described in the Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria, Revised July 2014), with phosphorus applications not to exceed crop removal phosphorus or crop nutrient needs determined by the soil test method, whichever is greater.
10. Poultry litter must have been analyzed within the previous three years to determine nutrient content and final application rate for nutrient management plan development. If analysis is unknown at the time the NMP is written, litter analysis shown in Table 8-4 in the Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria, Revised July 2014, may be used to develop the initial NMP.
11. No mortality (composted or otherwise) can be shipped as part of this incentive program. Litter containing mortality in any form will not qualify for payment.
12. Litter with moisture greater than 35% is ineligible for payment.
13. The receiving farm must have a safe off-loading site that does not pose an undue risk to water quality.
14. The receiving farm must store litter according to buffer requirements identified in the NMP's *Special Conditions* and cover the litter if stored more than 14 days. Storage sites must be identified in the NMP.
15. Vehicles used to transport poultry litter, including any application equipment, must contain the poultry litter within the cargo area without loss while operating on a public road.
16. Spot checks for compliance with these program requirements may be performed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

### **C. How to Apply:**

1. To apply for a payment, the applicant must complete and return the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form and a Virginia W9 Tax Form to:  
Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program  
Department of Conservation & Recreation  
12 Sunset Blvd.  
Staunton, VA 24401
2. Once the forms are received, they are reviewed by DCR. The incentive request must be approved by DCR prior to litter transport.
3. Once the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form has been approved for incentive payment and after litter has been applied, submit to the above address the following completed forms:
  - Field Application Record;
  - Chain of Custody form;
  - Certified scale weight tickets showing the litter tonnage transported; and
  - Nutrient Management Plan.
4. These documents must be received by DCR within 30 days of litter application or May 31, whichever is sooner. These documents will be reviewed and if approved, processed for payment. The party who submitted the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form will then receive the incentive payment.

### **D. Additional Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program Information**

For more information, please go to: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/litter-transport> or contact:

Cynthia Williams – (540) 332-9228: [cynthia.williams@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:cynthia.williams@dcr.virginia.gov)  
Seth Mullins – (804) 517-0726: [seth.mullins@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:seth.mullins@dcr.virginia.gov)  
Timothy Sexton – (804) 371-0061: [timothy.sexton@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:timothy.sexton@dcr.virginia.gov)

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### **G. Counties ELIGIBLE to receive litter:**

#### **From Accomack at a rate of \$20/ton,**

##### ***Upper and Lower Coastal Plain:***

Charles City	Chesapeake	Greensville
Isle of Wight	James City	New Kent
Prince George	Southampton	Suffolk
Surry	Sussex	Virginia Beach
Northumberland	Westmoreland	Richmond
Hanover	Gloucester	King & Queen
Essex	Caroline	Lancaster
King William	Middlesex	

#### **From Rockingham and Page Counties at a rate of \$15/ton:**

##### ***Middle and Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont:***

Brunswick	Charlotte	Franklin
Greensville	Halifax	Henry
Lunenburg	Mecklenburg	Patrick
Pittsylvania		

##### ***Ridge and Valley:***

Bland	Buchanan	Carroll
Dickenson	Floyd	Grayson
Lee	Pulaski	Russell
Scott	Smyth	Tazewell
Washington	Wise	Wythe

### **H. The following counties are eligible to receive litter from Page and Rockingham Counties at a rate of \$15/ton or \$7.50/ton as determined by the Chesapeake Bay watershed dividing line:**

##### ***Middle and Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont:***

Appomattox	Bedford	Campbell
Dinwiddie	Prince Edward	Prince George

***Ridge and Valley:***

Botetourt  
Roanoke

Craig  
Montgomery

Giles

**I. The following Counties are eligible to receive litter from Page and Rockingham Counties at a rate of \$7.50/ton.**

***Lower Coastal Plain:***

Northumberland  
Lancaster  
King & Queen

Westmoreland  
King William  
Gloucester

Richmond  
Essex  
Middlesex

***Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont:***

Albemarle  
Greene  
Orange

Amherst  
Madison  
Hanover

Culpeper  
Nelson  
Caroline

***Ridge and Valley:***

Frederick  
Bath

Clark  
Highland

Rockbridge

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY  
SOURCE of the POULTRY LITTER**

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Contact Person:</b>		<b>Telephone No.</b>	
<b>Tons of litter</b>		County: <input type="checkbox"/> Rockingham <input type="checkbox"/> Page <input type="checkbox"/> Accomack	

**The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to the following requirements:**

- Provide a copy of the most recent poultry litter analysis, upon request.
- Permitted operations must comply with all Poultry Waste Management Regulations requirements.
- No mortality (composted or otherwise) will be shipped as part of this incentive program.

Grower Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*If grower's signature is unavailable, the Broker's signature will suffice.

**POULTRY LITTER BROKER/TRANSPORTER**

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Contact Person:</b>		<b>Telephone No.</b>	
<b>Tons of litter shipped:</b>			

**The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to the following requirements:**

- Vehicles transporting poultry litter, including any application equipment, will contain the manure within the cargo area without loss while operating on a public road.
- Brokers must comply with the reporting requirements of the Poultry Waste Management Regulations.
- No mortality (composted or otherwise) will be transported as part of this incentive program.

Broker/Transporter Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**END-USER OF POULTRY LITTER**

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Contact Person:</b>		<b>Telephone No.</b>	
<b>Tons of litter received:</b>		County:	HU Code:

**The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to implement a current nutrient management plan prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation that includes the use of poultry litter as a crop nutrient source.**

End-user Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient of Incentive payment. (Same person who submitted "Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form")**

<b>Name:</b>	
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Field Application Record

**Return Completed form to:**  
 Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program  
 Dept. of Conservation & Recreation  
 12 Sunset Blvd.  
 Staunton, VA 24401

**END-USER OF POULTRY LITTER:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Source County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Receiving County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Integrator\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ONLY if litter is from Accomack County**

### FIELD INFORMATION

(Include **all** fields receiving litter)

Tract No.	Field No.	Acres Receiving Poultry Litter	Application Date	Tons Applied (Total)	Crop	Soil Test Phosphorus	DCR use Eligible (Yes/No)
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>				

\*Please indicate soil testing lab used: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify the above information is true to the best of my knowledge**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Field Application Record (Supplemental Form for Additional Fields)

### FIELD INFORMATION

(Include **all** fields receiving litter)

Tract No.	Field No.	Acres Receiving Poultry Litter	Application Date	Tons Applied (Total)	Crop	Soil Test Phosphorus	DCR use Eligible (Yes/No)
TOTAL:			TOTAL:				

\*Please indicate soil testing lab used: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify the above information is true to the best of my knowledge**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form

### Incentive Payment Applicant

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security # or:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Tax Identification #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Who is Eligible: Poultry Litter End-users

Acreage for Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of litter to be applied: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Attach a completed "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (Virginia W-9) Tax Form."**
- 5. Obtain a current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that includes all fields scheduled to receive poultry litter transported through this program.** (The plan must have been prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.) **Litter must be applied as specified in the nutrient management plan.**
- 6. Up to **400** tons of litter may be eligible per applicant, per incentive request.
- 7. Fields scheduled to receive poultry litter transported through this program must have a Virginia Tech soil test phosphorus reading not exceeding the maximums shown in the program description and scheduled applications that do **not** exceed crop removal phosphorus or needed phosphorus (based on "Soil Test Method"), whichever is greater.
- 8. **No** mortality (composted or otherwise) will be shipped as part of this incentive program. Litter containing mortality in **any** form will **not** qualify for payment.
- 9. Poultry litter must originate on farms in Page, Rockingham or Accomack counties.
- 10. To receive an incentive payment through this program, litter must be transported to a final destination outside of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed OR to a designated area within the Bay watershed.**
- 11. The receiving farm must provide a safe off-loading site that does not pose an undue risk to water quality.
- 12. The receiving farm must store litter in accordance with the buffer requirements identified in the NMP "Special Conditions", and cover the litter if stored more than 14 days. These sites must be identified in the NMP.
- 13. Completed "Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Forms" are valid for a period of 12 months. All forms and documents required for payment must be submitted within **30 days** of the litter application or by May 31, whichever comes first. If litter applications are not made within 12 months of the request, a new form must be submitted.
- 14. Virginia DCR and the Virginia Poultry Federation assume no liability regarding quality of poultry litter transported and applied under this program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

#### For DCR Use Only

Approved ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tracking Number \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonnage Overrun \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_